

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows by replacing the following paragraphs:

In the title, amend as follows:

METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR
JEWELRY RINGS~~ARTICLES~~.

At the second full paragraph on page 3:

--The sintering temperatures employed for the welding together of cold-pressed powders vary with the compressive loads used, the type of powders, and the strength required of the finished part. Compacts of powders utilized in accordance with the present invention are typically sintered at temperatures ranging from about 1000°C to in excess of 2000°C for approximately 30 minutes. When a mixture of different powders is to be sintered after pressing and the individual metal powders in the compact have markedly different melting points, the sintering temperatures used can be above the melting point of one of the component powders. The metal with a low melting point will thus become liquid; however, so long as the essential part or major metal powder is not molten, this practice may be employed. When the solid phase or powder is soluble in the liquid metal, a marked dilution~~dilution~~ of the solid metal through the liquid phase may occur which will develop a good union between the particles and result in a high density.--

At the paragraph bridging pages 10-11:

--The principal concept of this invention is the provision of an ultra durable hard metal or high tech ceramic type of jewelry that may or may not incorporate precious metals and/or precious gem stones. The invention also provides a unique jewelry manufacturing process that combines hard metals with precious metals in a manner such that the precious metals are flush or recessed slightly below the outer most surfaces of the hard metals over the outer wear surfaces to achieve maximum abrasion and corrosion resistance. This is not to preclude the use of protruding precious metal or gemstone components, but in such cases the protruding components would not be protected by the harder materials. The invention involves the provision of jewelry items made from super hard metals such as tungsten and cemented carbide and high tech ceramics of various colors processed into a

predetermined shape then sintered in a furnace and ground and polished into finished form. Such polished tungsten carbide jewelry articles have a grey color and a reflective mirror finish. These items may be shaped into concentric circular ring shapes of various sizes and profiles or individual parts may be ground into shapes that can be bonded to a precious metal substrate so as to protect the softer substrate. The hard metal circular designs encompass all types of profiles and cross-sectional configurations for rings, earrings and bracelets. Hard metal items may be processed with various sized and shaped openings distributed around the perimeter, with other objects of precious metal gem stones or the like secured into the various openings for cosmetic purposes. Gem stones set in precious metal may be secured into said openings for protection from scratching and daily wear.--